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A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, 25 Market Street, 4th Floor Conference Center, Trenton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by President George J. Scott, D.P.M., D.O., FACOFP

ATTENDING

Board Members Ciechanowski, Jordan, Lomazow, Maffei, Miksad, Rajput, Rock, Scott, Stanley, and Tedeschi and Walsh.

EXCUSED

Board Members Berkowitz, Cheema, Criss, DeGregorio, Krauss, Mendelowitz, Paul, Walsh and Weiss.

ALSO PRESENT

Senior Deputy Attorneys General Flanzman and Gelber, Deputy Attorneys General Angara, Brown-Peitz, DeLisi, Levine, Merchant, Puteska, Warhaftig; William V. Roeder, Executive Director, and Harry Lessig, M.D., Medical Consultant.

STATEMENT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

The requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied by notice of this meeting given in the annual notice adopted by the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners on September 12, 2012 which was transmitted to the ATLANTIC CITY PRESS, STAR LEDGER, CAMDEN COURIER POST, ASBURY PARK PRESS, BERGEN RECORD and the TRENTON TIMES, all on the 24th day of October 2012.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Scott announced that the nominating committee for the slate of officers for 2013-2014 would be Dr. Jordan, Mr. Walsh and Dr. Rajput. The Committee will report out at the July meeting at which time elections will take place.

MINUTES

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND
SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE THE MAY 8, 2013
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NEW BUSINESS

Assembly Bill 4046

This bill seeks to establish the “Naturopathic Doctors Licensing Act.”

**THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED,
VOTED TO OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL. IT BELIEVED THAT
THIS BILL IF PASSED WOULD INCREASE THE PUBLIC’S
VULNERABILITY TO UNSAFE AND INEFFECTIVE HEALTH
CARE PRACTICES. IT WOULD CREATE A BROAD SCOPE OF
PRACTICE OF SCIENTIFICALLY UNPROVEN DIAGNOSTIC**

METHODS, DIAGNOSES AND TREATMENTS. IT WOULD PERMIT THE PROVIDERS UNDER THIS SCHEME TO PROVIDE A DIAGNOSIS AND/OR TREATMENT TO ANY PATIENT, NO MATTER WHAT AGE AND/OR PHYSICAL CONDITION, WHICH IS THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE. THE BOARD QUESTIONED THE AMOUNT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING NECESSARY AND VIEWED IT AS WHOLLY INADEQUATE GIVEN THE ULTIMATE ABILITY TO DIAGNOSE AND TREAT ANY HUMAN CONDITION. EFFECTIVE HEALTHCARE CAN ONLY BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE SCIENCE BASED STANDARD OF CARE AND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF PROFESSIONAL TRAINED WITHIN THE SCIENTIFIC, EVIDENCE BASED KNOWLEDGE AND STANDARDS. PRACTITIONERS OUTSIDE OF THIS MODEL OF MEDICINE SHOULD NOT BE LICENSED NOR PERMITTED TO PRACTICE.

Dr. Jordan made the motion and it was seconded by Dr. Rajput. It carried unanimously.

Senate Bill 2727

Seeks to establish a "Study Commission on E-Licensing."

Inasmuch as the Board recognized that its licensure process has made some inroads in the directions to be studied, the Board supported the establishment of such a study commission.

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The motion, made by Dr. Rajput and seconded by Dr. Maffei, carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing Scheduled.

INFORMATIONAL

Nothing Provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. William Isle, counsel to Dr. Ackerman, noted that his Motion, among other things, for reconsideration of the Board's decision of Dr. Ackerman's reinstatement request was on the Open Agenda. He again renewed his request for oral argument. He began to make some substantive argument on his Motion at which time DAG Puteska objected. President Scott requested a proffer of Mrs. Isle's argument. Mr. Isle asked solely that the Board expedite its

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consideration of Dr. Ackerman's motion. When Dr. Ackerman addressed the Board and began to argue the salient points of the Motion, again, DAG Puteska objected. That objection was sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

George J. Scott, D.P.M., D.O., FACOFP
Board President

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